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MEMORANDUM

July 7, 1977

TO:

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM:

Robert F. Walsh, Director

SUBJECT:

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Hearing: 7/12/77

Petition No. Z-3882 Edward Ashby 53 Georgia Street, Roxbury near Blue Hill Avenue

2½-story frame structure - apartment (H-1) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from one-family to two-family dwelling.

Violations:

violations.		Required	Proposed
Section 8-7.	Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirement for lot area is forbidden in an H-1 district		
Section 14-2.	Lot area for additional unit is insufficient.	6,000 sf	4,570 sf
Section 20-1.	Rear yard is insufficient.	11 ft.	

Additional unit would be compatible with residential nature of the street. However, a sign on the front lawn indicates the existence of a church (Savior of God Apostolic Baptist Church) at rear of dwelling. Permit application does not include this facility. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3882, brought by Edward Ashby, 53 Georgia Street, in the Washington Park Urban Renewal Area, for a forbidden use and two variances for a change of occupancy from one- to two-family dwelling in an apartment (H-1) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Additional unit would be compatible with residential nature of the street. However, a sign on the front lawn indicates the existence of a church (Savior of God Apostolic Baptist Church) at rear of dwelling. Permit application does not include this facility.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3884 John Kokovidis 26-28 Higgins Street, Allston near Allston Street

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2½-story frame structure - residential (R-.8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from four to six apartments.

Violations:

		Required	Froposed
Section 8-7.	Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirements of lot area, open space, and off-street parking is forbidden in an R8 district		

Section 10-1. Parking not allowed in required front yard.

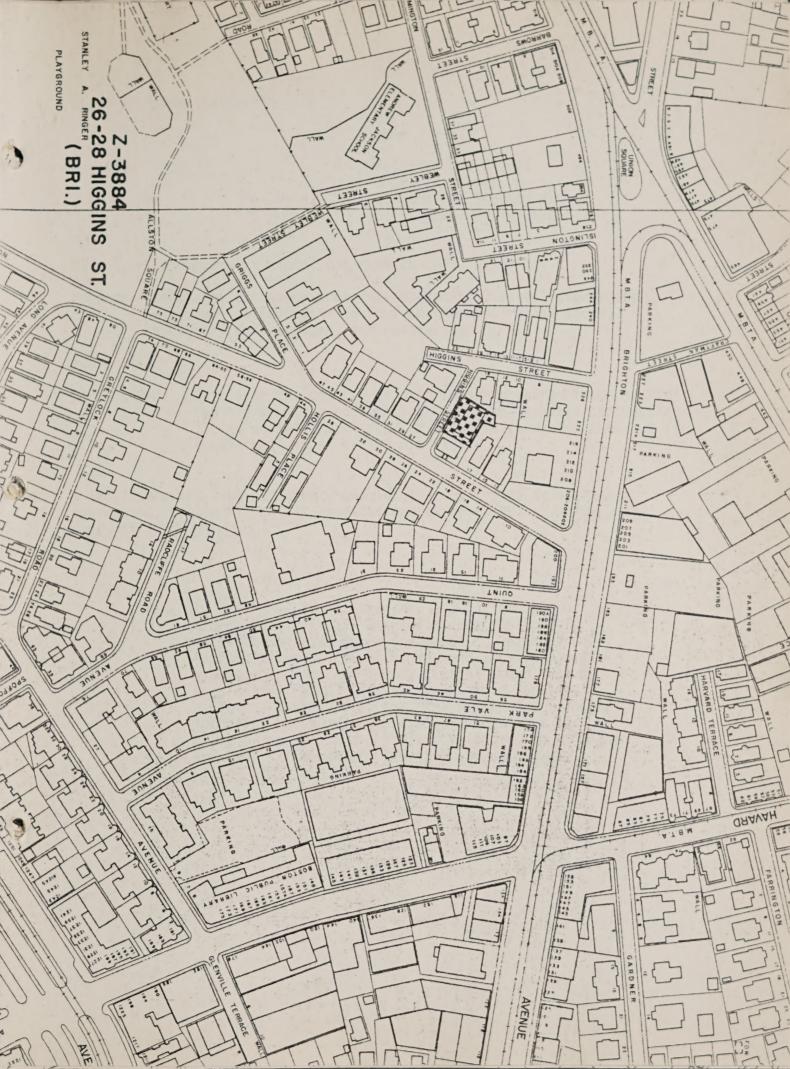
Section 14-1.	Lot area is insufficient.	12,500 sf	4,893 sf
Section 17-1.	Open space is insufficient.	800 sf	466 sf

Overcrowded conditions already exist in the immediate area. Street is narrow and congested. Emergency vehicle access is inadequate. Neighbors are strongly opposed. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3884, brought by John Kokovidis, 26-28 Higgins Street, Allston, for a forbidden use and three variances for a change of occupancy from four to six apartments in a residential (R-.8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial.

Overcrowded conditions already exist in the immediate area. Street is narrow and congested. Emergency vehicle access is inadequate.

Neighbors are strongly opposed.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3885 George R. Carey 133 Charles Street, Boston near Revere Street

Four-story structure - local business (L-2-65) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from four apartments, retail store, and accessory delicatessen to four apartments, retail store,

accessory delicatessen, and restaurant.

Violation:

Section 8-7. Sale over the counter of on-premises-prepared food or drink for off-premises consumption or for on-premises consumption if, as so sold, such food or drink is ready for take-out is conditional in an L-2-65 district.

A small sandwich take-out counter would be accessory to delicatessen operation. Beacon Hill Civic Association has no objection. Recommend approval with provisos.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3885, brought by George R. Carey, 133 Charles Street, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from four apartments, retail store, and accessory delicatessen to four apartments, retail store, accessory delicatessen, and restaurant in a local business (L-2-65) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided that the hours of operation are limited to 6 A.M. to midnight and that all necessary licenses are obtained.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3887
Patricia M. Gillooly
30 Pratt Street, Allston
near Linden Street

2½-story frame structure - residential (R-.8) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from two-family dwelling to three-family

dwelling.

Violations:

Required Proposed

Section 8-7. Any dwelling converted for more families which does not meet the requirements of lot area is forbidden in an R-.8 district.

Section 14-1. Lot area is insufficient.

8,000 sf 4,000 sf

Proposal would create a density inimical to this one- and two-family street. There are no provisions for off-street parking. Congested conditions could impair emergency vehicular access. Neighbors and community leaders are strongly opposed. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3887, brought by Patricia M. Gillooly, 30 Pratt Street, Allston, for a forbidden use and a variance for a change of occupancy from a two-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling in a residential (R-.8) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Proposal would create a density inimical to this one- and two-family street. There are no provisions for off-street parking. Congested conditions could impair emergency vehicular access. Neighbors and community leaders are strongly opposed.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3888
Dietz Realty Trust
331 Newbury Street, Boston
near Hereford Street

Two-story structure - general business (B-4-70) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from recording studio and offices to

recording studio, offices, and recording school.

Violation:

Section 8-7. A recording school is conditional in a B-4-70 district.

Use will be compatible with the commercial-institutional nature of the immediate area. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3888, brought by Dietz Realty Trust, 331 Newbury Street, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from recording studio and offices to recording studio, offices, and recording school in a general business (B-4-70) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Use will be compatible with the commercial-institutional nature of the immediate area.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3895
Pilgrim Management Corporation
753-757 Boylston Street, Boston
near Fairfield Street

Eight-story structure - general business (B-10-155) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from stores, restaurant, and offices, to stores, restaurant, offices, and school.

Violation:

Section 8-7. A trade, professional, or other school is conditional in a B-10 district.

School, providing instruction in guitar playing, is consistent with existing trade-professional schools and the commercial context of the area. Public transportation is convenient to the building. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3895, brought by Pilgrim Management Corporation, 753-757 Boylston Street, Boston, for a change of occupancy from stores, restaurant, and offices to stores, restaurant, offices, and school in a general business (B-10-155) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. School is consistent with existing tradeprofessional schools and the commercial context of the area.



Hearing: 7/12/77

Petition No. Z-3900 New England Casket Co. 1141 Bennington Street, East Boston at Austin Avenue

One-story structure - general business (B-1), manufacturing (M-1 and M-2) districts.

Purpose: to erect two additions to manufacturing structure.

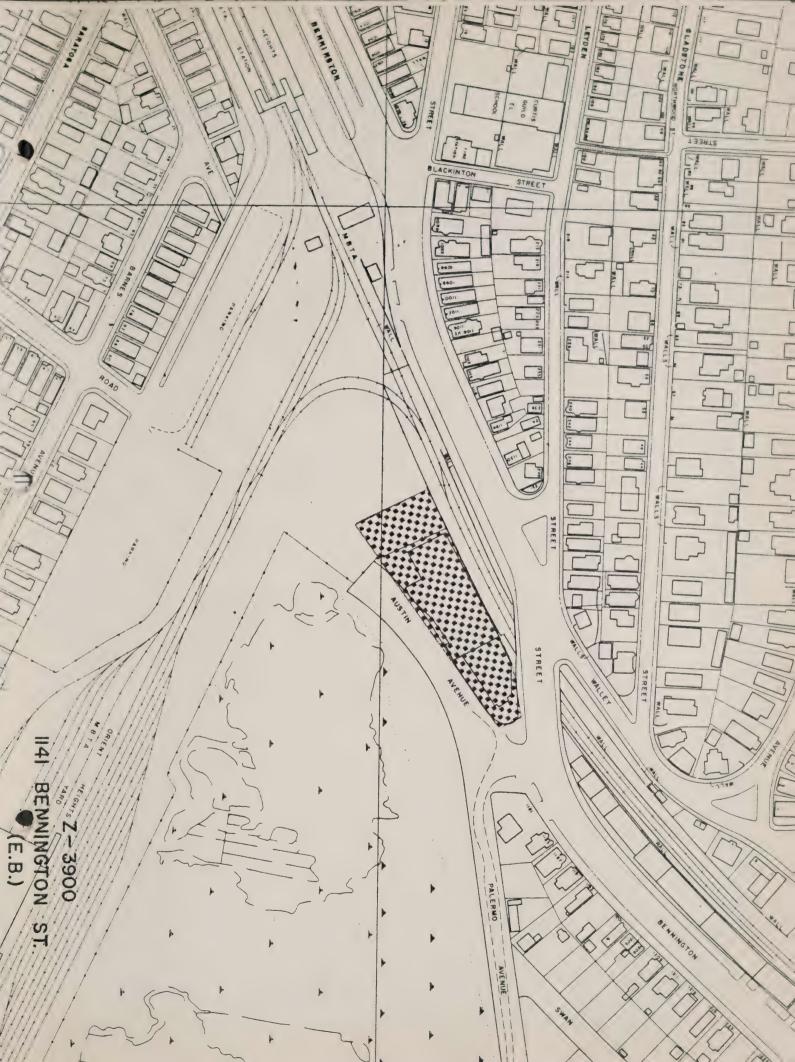
Violation:

Required Proposed Section 18-4. Front yard is insufficient. 20 ft. 5 ft.

Violation is technical. Expansion, for casket manufacturing, fronts on Austin Avenue, an unpaved street serving only the appellant. Property abuts MBTA right of way. No community objection. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3900, brought by New England Casket Co., 1141 Bennington Street, East Boston, for a variance to erect two additions to a manufacturing structure in a general business (B-1) and manufacturing (M-1 and M-2) districts, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Violation is technical. Expansion fronts on Austin Avenue, an

unpaved street serving only the appellant.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3901 William H. Kent, Trustee 80 Boylston Street Trust 74-84 Boylston Street, Boston at Tremont Street

Twelve-story structure - general business (B-10) district.

Purpose: to change occupancy from offices, store, restaurant, and school to offices, store, restaurant, and two schools.

Violation:

Section 8-6. A change in a conditional use requires Board of Appeal hearing.

School of dental laboratory technology will occupy 4500 square feet of the seventh floor. Proposal complies with conditional use requirements. Recommend approval.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3901, brought by William H. Kent, Trustee, 80 Boylston Street Trust, 74-84 Boylston Street, Boston, for a conditional use for a change of occupancy from offices, store, restaurant, and school to offices, store, restaurant, and two schools in a general business (B-10) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. Proposal complies with requirements for conditional use.



Hearing: 7/26/77

Petition No. Z-3903 6 Union Park Associates 6(r) Union Park, Boston near Shawmut Avenue

One-story masonry structure - apartment (H-3) district.

Purpose: to erect one-story addition; to change occupancy from one-car

accessory garage to apartment and one-car accessory garage.

Violations:

		Required	Proposed
Section 19-4.	Side yard is insufficient.	11 ft.	1 ft.
Section 20-7.	Rear yard is insufficient.	15 ft.	0

Petitioner would erect residential addition over existing garage structure. Proposal is incompatible with surrounding properties and would create an undesirable precedent. There is neighborhood opposition. Recommend denial.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3903, brought by 6 Union Park Associates, 6(r) Union Park, in the South End Urban Renewal Area, for two variances to erect a one-story addition and change occupancy from one-car accessory garage to apartment and one-car accessory garage in an apartment (H-3) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends denial. Proposal is incompatible with surrounding properties and would create an undesirable precedent. There is neighborhood opposition.



Hearing: 7/19/77

Petition No. Z-3904 Armenouhy D. Manuelian 16 Fayette Street, Boston near Jefferson Street

Three-story structure - apartment (H-2) structure.

Purpose: to change occupancy from antique furniture sales and storage

to four-family dwelling.

Violation:

Section 17-1. Open space is insufficient. 250 sf. 58 sf

Conversion and rehabilitation proposal will restore this residential structure. Open space deficiency is mitigated by nearby mini mall. Recommend approval with proviso.

VOTED: In reference to Petition No. Z-3904, brought by Armenouhy D. Manuelian, 16 Fayette Street, in the South Cove Urban Renewal Area, for a variance for a change of occupancy from antique furniture sales and storage to fourfamily dwelling in an apartment (H-2) district, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval provided plans are submitted to the Authority for design review. Nearby mini mall tends to mitigate open space deficiency.



